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SUBJECT: AGRIBUSINESS - MULTIMILLION DOLLAR US TRADE OPPORTUNITY
RECENTLY DEVELOPED IN SICILY.

REF: DEPT. A-7008 OF NOVEMBER 17, 1975

1. THE POST HAS DEVELOPED A PROSPECTIVE MULTIMILLION DOLLAR
U.S EXPORT TRADE OPPORTUNITY (ETO NUMBER P0017, APRIL 20, 1976),
THROUGH CONVERSATIONS WITH AVV. GIUSEPPE GRECO, PRESIDENT OF A
NEWLY FORMED SICILIAN FRUIT GROWERS ASSOCIATION, ASPO (ASSOCIA-
ZIONE SICILIANA PRODUTTORI ORTOFRUTTICOLI).

2. FORMALLY ESTABLISHED IN DECEMBER 1972, ASPO BECAME OPERATIVE
IN AUGUST 1975, AND ENGAGED IN GROWING CITRUS AND OTHE FRUIT AS
WELL AS IN MARKETING AND INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITIES. ITA HAS ABOUT
1300 MEMBERS WHO OWN OVER 7500 ACRES OF AGRICULTURAL LAND.

3. ASPO RECEIVED NUMEROUS REPLIES TO THE ABOVE ETO AND IS NOW
NEGOZIATING WITH FMC (FOOD MACHINERY CORP.) FORTHE SUPPLY OF
MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT FOR A 9 BILLION LIRE CITRUS PACKING AND
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PROCESSING PLANT THAT IT PLANS TO ESTABLISH AT TERMINI IMERESE
NEAR PALERMO. THE PLANT WILL EXTEND OVER 30,000 SQUARE YARDS
AT THE TERMINI IMERESE INDUSTRIAL ZONE. THE POTENTIAL SALE
OF FMC EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY COULD AMOUNT TO MERELY DOLS.
7.5 MILLIN.

4. FOOD MACHINERY ITALY, A SUBSIDIARY OF FMC, IS ORGANIZING A

VISIT TO FLORIDA AND CALIFORNIA OF SEVERAL ASPO OFFICERS AND OTHER ITALIAN NOTABLES CONNECTED WITH THE CITRUS PROJECT. THE TRIP TO THE US IS SCHEDULED FOR EITHER THE END OF JANUARY OR EARLY FEBRUARY. THE GROUP IS EXPECTED TO INCLUDE THE PRESIDENT OF ASPO, AVV. GRECO# THE FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE SICILIAN REGIONAL GOVERNMENT, ON. MARIO FASINO# ON. ARCANGELO LO BIANCO AND UNDERSECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE IN THE ANDREOTTI GOVERNMENT# AND FERDINANDO TRUZZI, A CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT SENATOR AND OFFICIAL OF THE COLTIVATORI DIRETTI, AN IMPORTANT FARMER'S PRGANIZATION. COLLINS

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